

Predicting preference from attention: An analysis with prospect theory

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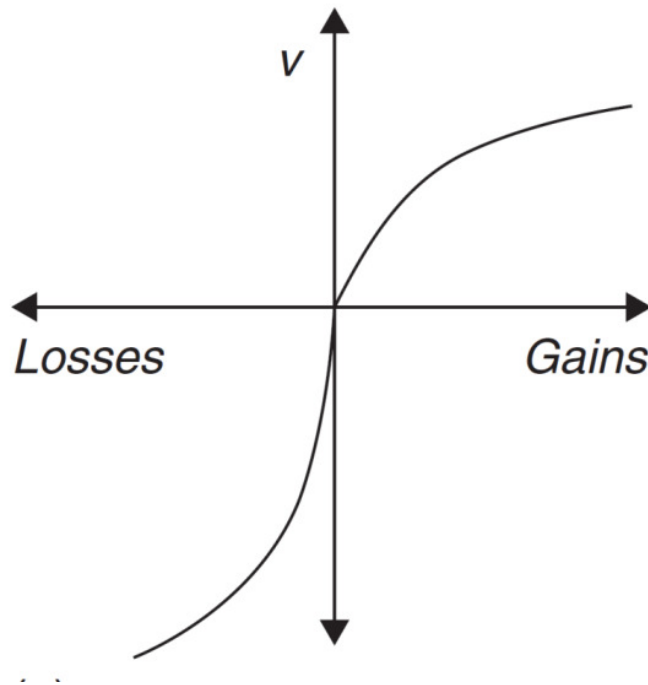
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Cumulative prospect theory (CPT)

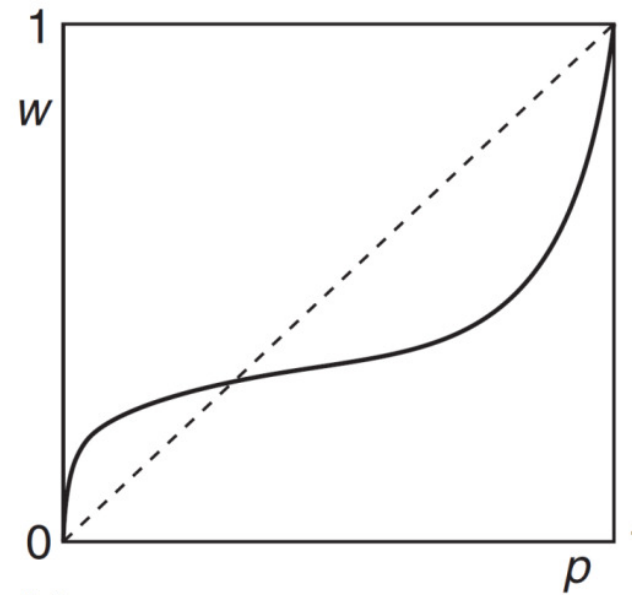
Value function

$$v(x) = x^\alpha \quad x \geq 0$$
$$v(x) = -\lambda(-x)^\alpha \quad x < 0$$



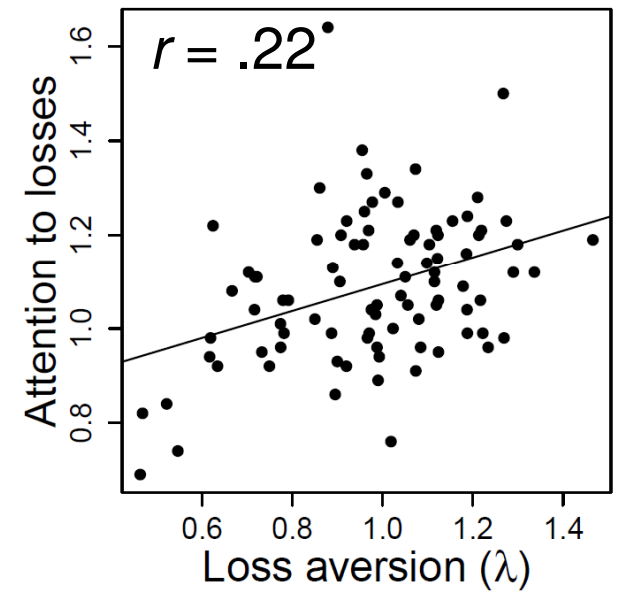
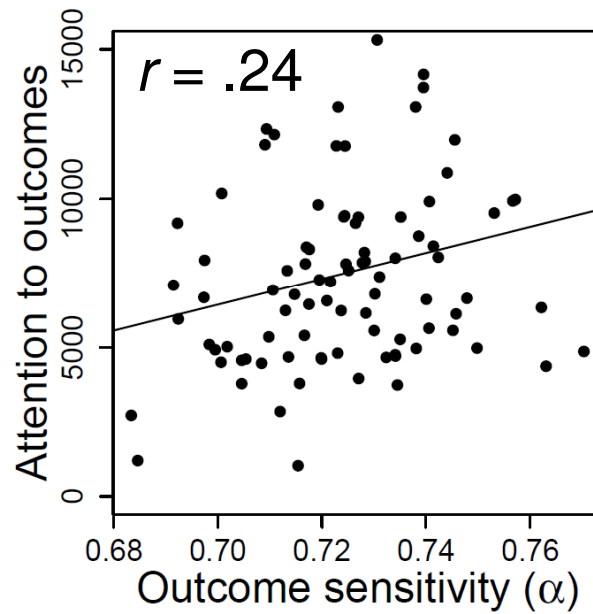
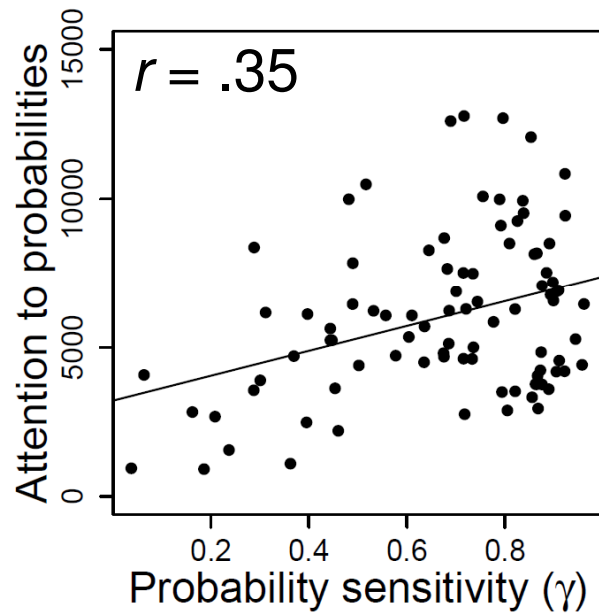
Probability weighting function

$$w(p) = \frac{\delta p^\gamma}{\delta p^\gamma + (1-p)^\gamma}$$



CPT parameters track attention

Mouselab



CPT



Session 1 (t1)

	Amount to Win	Probability of that amount	Amount to Win	Probability of that amount
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Gamble B:	<input type="text" value="W<sub>b1</sub>"/>	<input type="text" value="P<sub>b1</sub>"/>	<input type="text" value="W<sub>b2</sub>"/>	<input type="text" value="P<sub>b2</sub>"/>
	<input type="button" value="I choose Gamble A"/>		<input type="button" value="I choose Gamble B"/>	

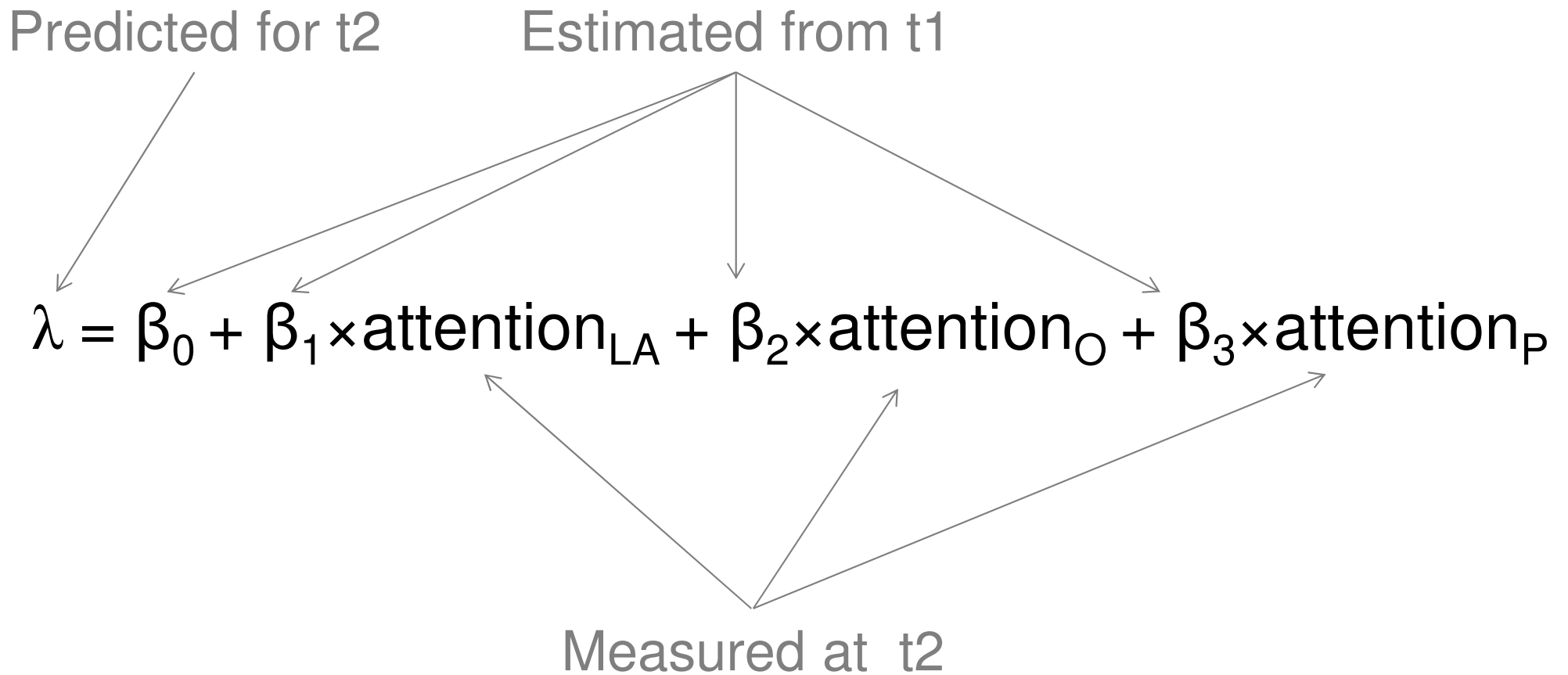
Welche Lotterie würden Sie wählen?

	Lotterie A		Lotterie B		
A	50%	100€	A	65%	-40€
B	50%	-50€	B	35%	340€

Session 2 (t2)

	Amount to Win	Probability of that amount	Amount to Win	Probability of that amount
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$$\lambda = \text{attention}_{LA} + \text{attention}_O + \text{attention}_P$$

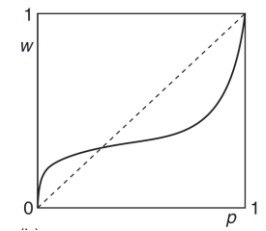
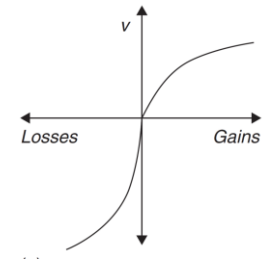
$$\alpha = \text{attention}_{LA} + \text{attention}_O + \text{attention}_P$$

$$\gamma = \text{attention}_{LA} + \text{attention}_O + \text{attention}_P$$

$$\delta^+ = \text{attention}_{LA} + \text{attention}_O + \text{attention}_P$$

$$\delta^- = \text{attention}_{LA} + \text{attention}_O + \text{attention}_P$$

$$\varphi = \text{attention}_{LA} + \text{attention}_O + \text{attention}_P$$



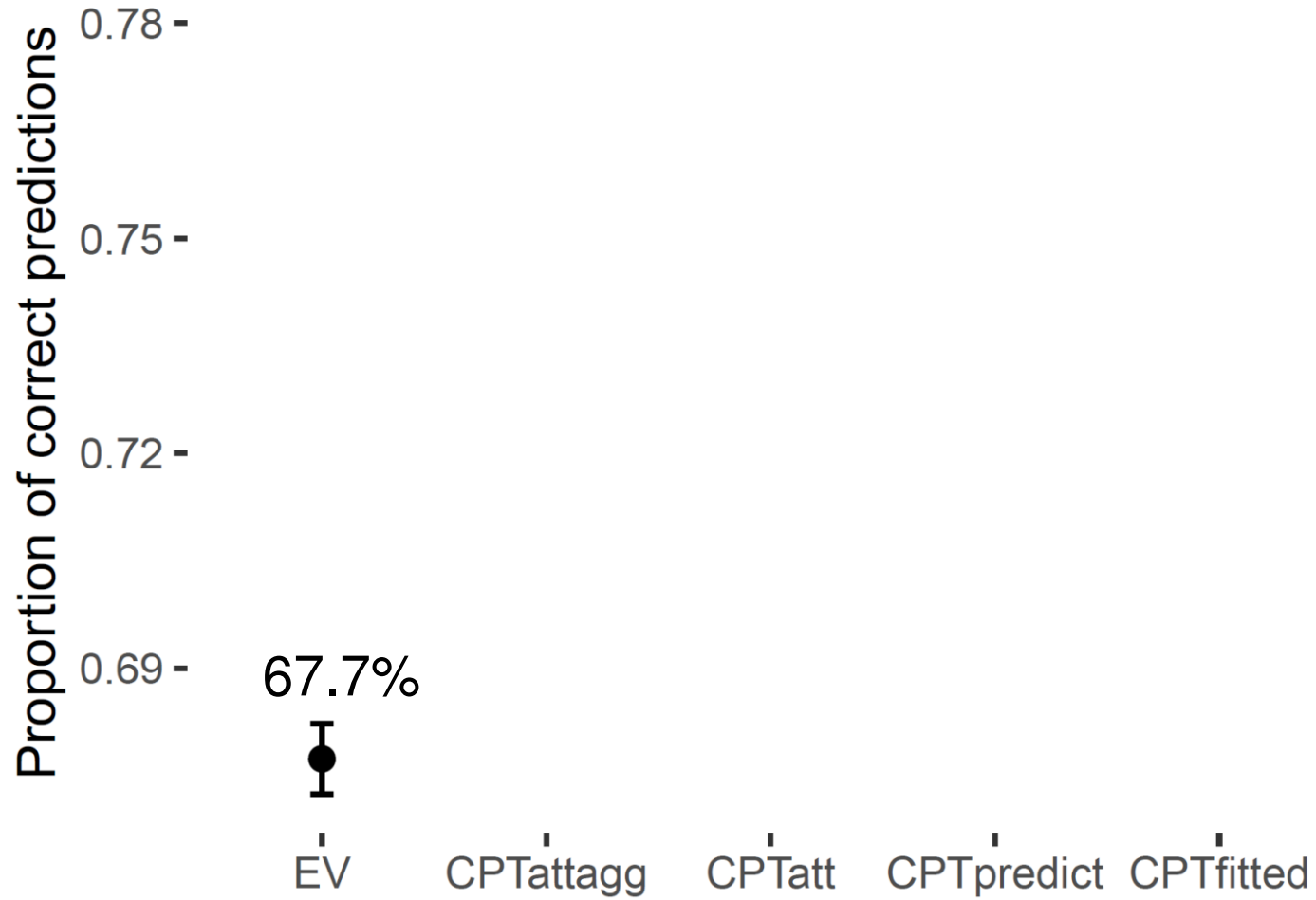
$$p(A, B) = \frac{e^{\varphi V(A)}}{e^{\varphi V(A)} + e^{\varphi V(B)}}$$

→ Predicted parameters used to derive choices across sessions for each participant

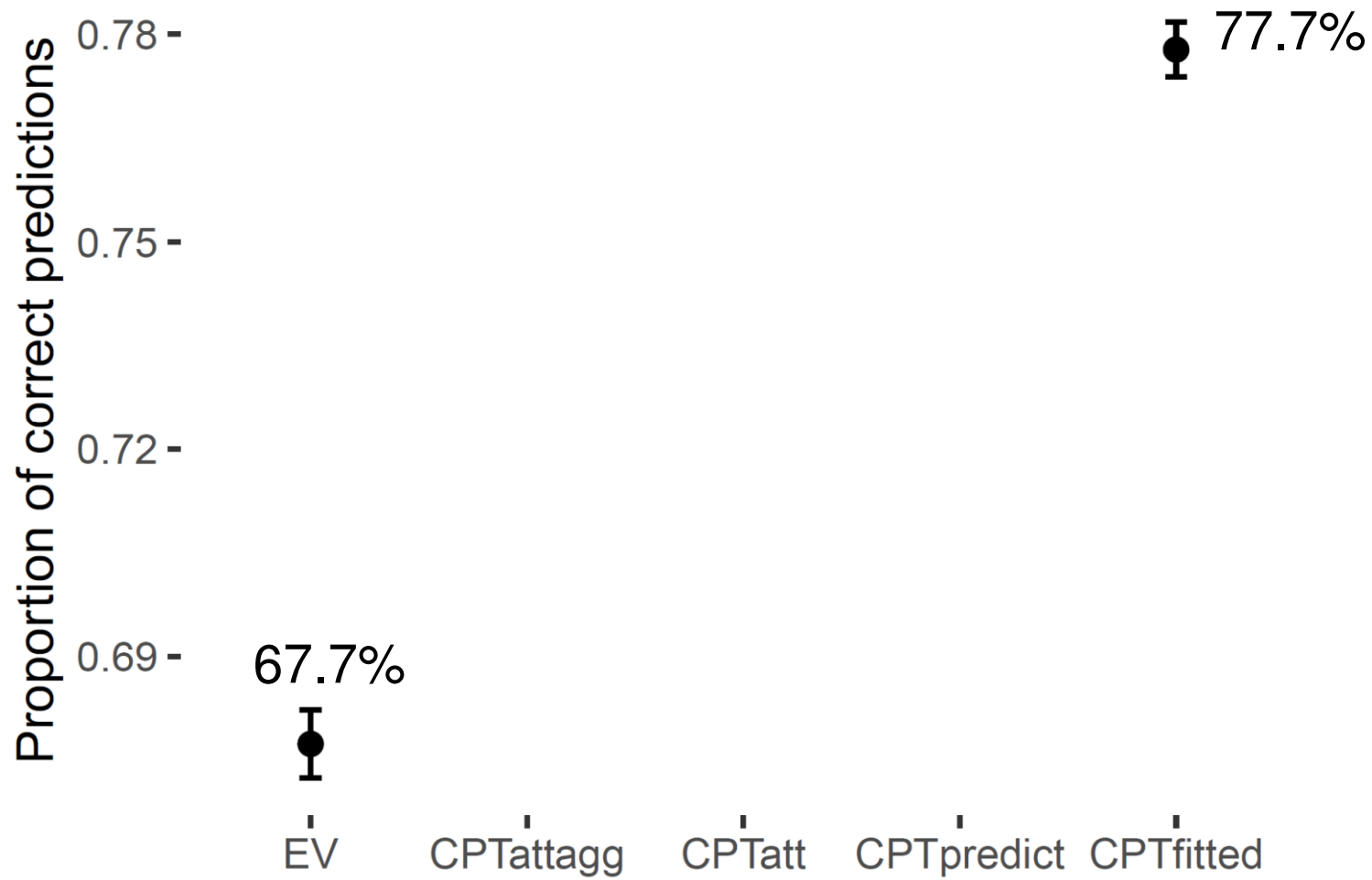
Predictive accuracy



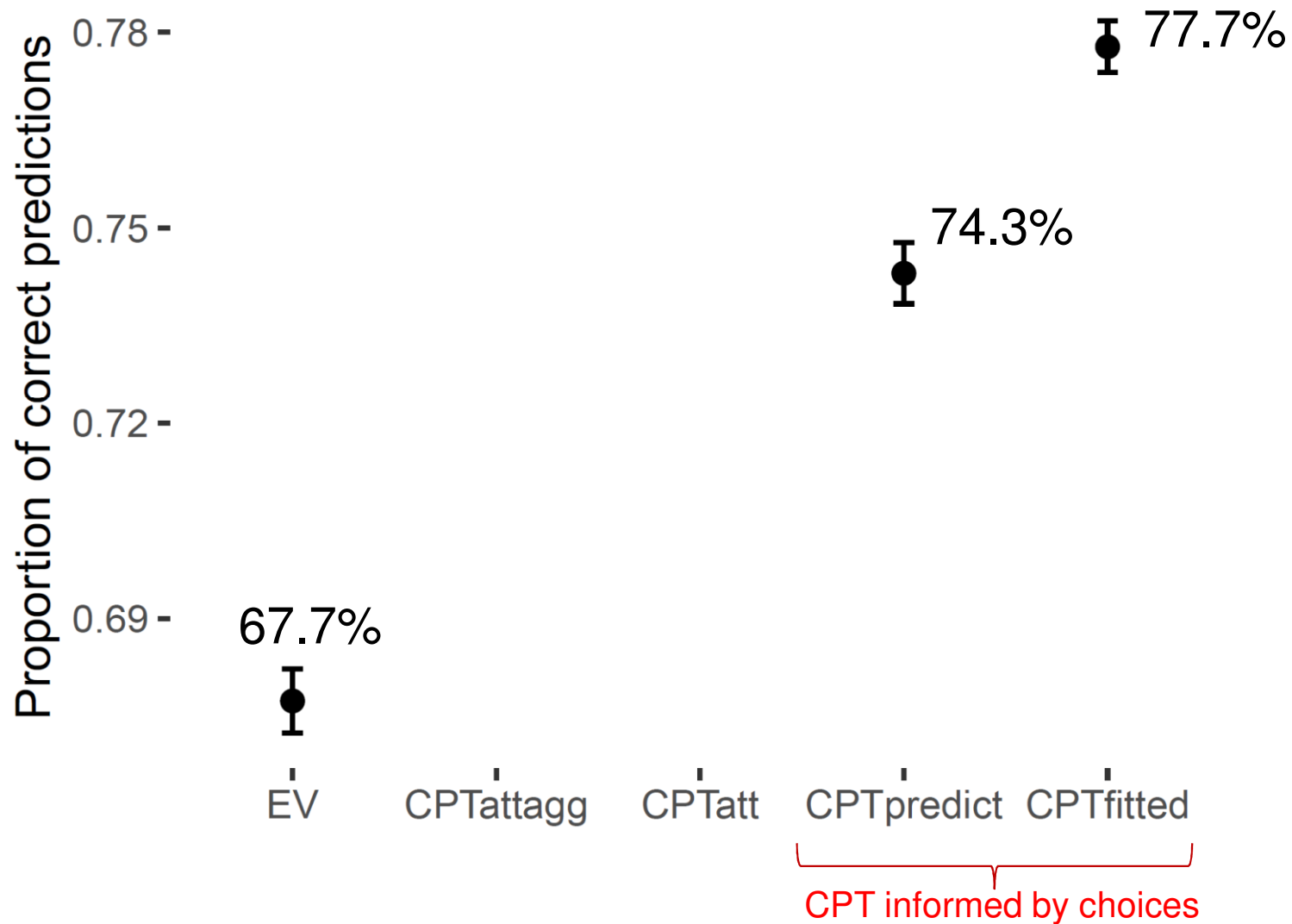
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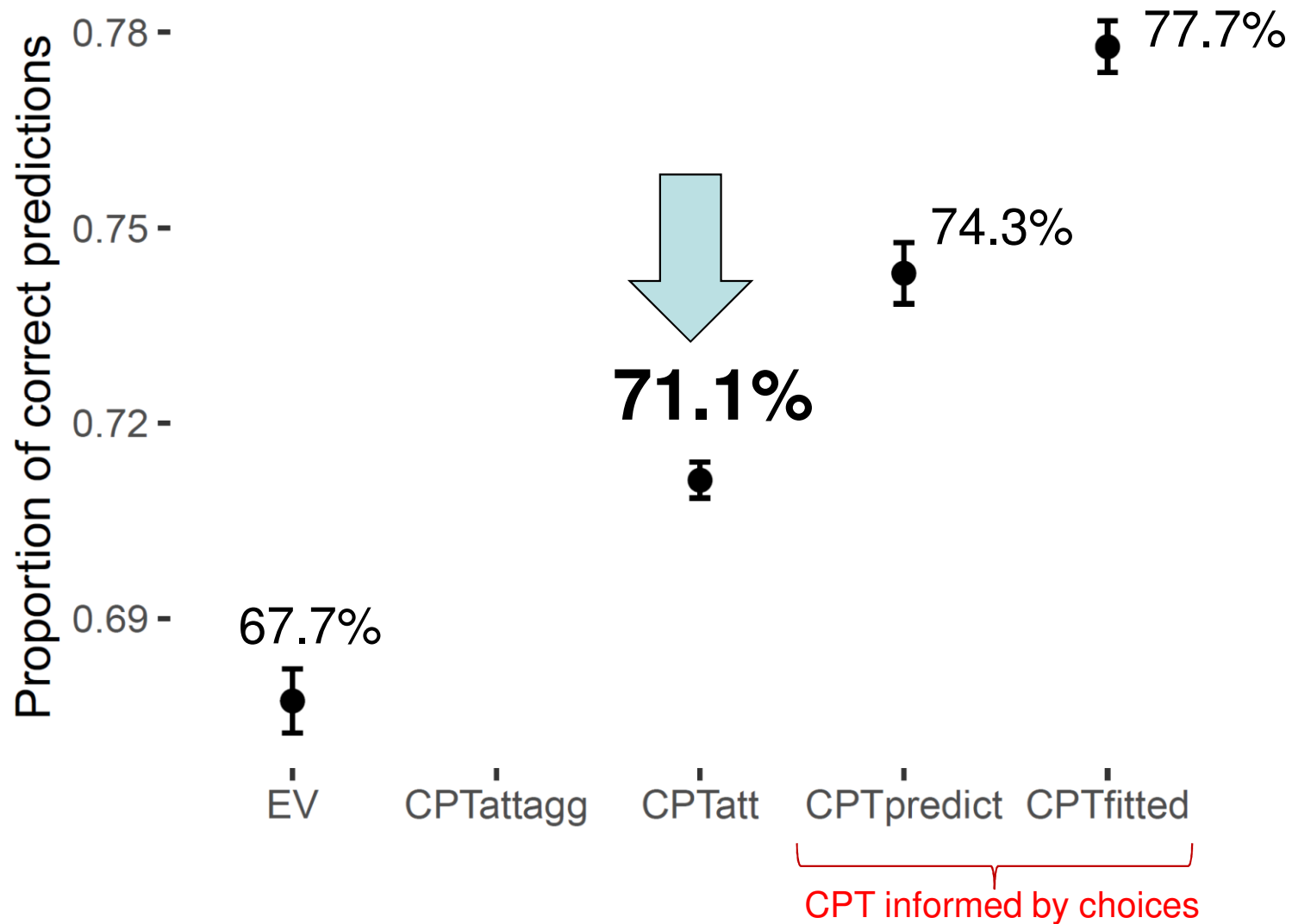
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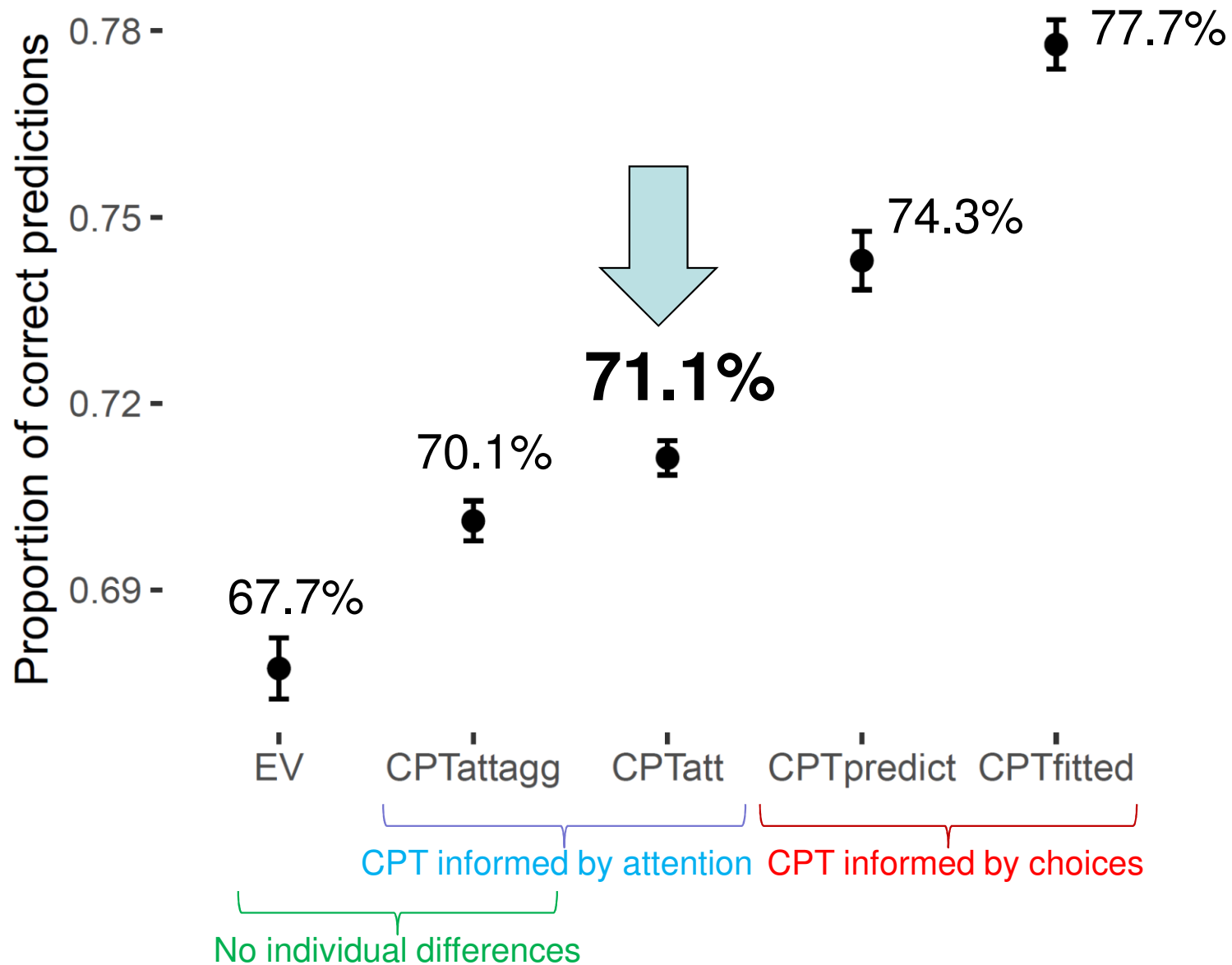
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